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Ex Parte

Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St., S.W. – Portals
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: Application by Verizon New England Inc., *et al.*, for Authorization To Provide In-Region, InterLATA Services in Massachusetts, Docket No. 00-176

Dear Ms. Salas:

This letter provides certain information requested by the Commission's Staff regarding an ex parte letter submitted in the above-captioned proceeding on September 27, 2000. . The twenty-page limit therefore does not apply as set forth in DA 00-2159.

The Commission's Staff requested further clarification of how Verizon "passes through" the terminating CLECs' reciprocal compensation charges to the originating CLEC when the originating CLEC's customer served by UNE-P makes a local call to another CLEC customer who is served by a CLEC switch. Verizon "passes through" the terminating reciprocal compensation charges by assessing the originating CLEC a rate that is a weighted average of the reciprocal compensation charges billed to Verizon by all terminating CLECs. As explained in Verizon's tariff, the Unbundled [CLEC] Reciprocal Compensation Charge (UCRCC) "will be assessed to the originating line port minute in order for [Verizon] to recover the terminating intercarrier charges that will be assessed to [Verizon] by the terminating [CLEC] . . . [w]hen a call from an unbundled line port terminates to a [CLEC] switch." See D.T.E. Tariff No. 17, Part B, Section 6.3.2.E.5 (copy enclosed). The Unbundled [CLEC] Reciprocal Compensation Charge is "a composite of the [CLEC] termination charges assessed to the Telephone company." See *id.* The rates for the Unbundled [CLEC] Reciprocal Compensation Charge are set forth in Verizon's tariffs. See D.T.E. Tariff No. 17, Part M, Section 2.6.3 (copy enclosed). These rates were approved by the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Energy. See *D.T.E. 98-57 - Phase I, Investigation by the Department on its own motion as to the propriety of the rates and charges set forth in the following tariffs: M.D.T.E. Nos. 14 and 17, filed with the Department on August 27, 1999, to become effective on September 27, 1999, by Verizon New England, Inc. d/b/a Verizon-Massachusetts, March 24, 1000 Order at 208-09.*

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me to arrange a conference call or meeting.

Sincerely,

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6.3.2 Application of Rates and Charges	
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5.	Unbundled TC Reciprocal Compensation Charge—When a call from an unbundled line port terminates to a TC switch, this charge will be assessed to the originating line port minute in order for the Telephone Company to recover the terminating intercarrier charges that will be assessed to the Telephone Company by the terminating TC. This charge will be a composite of the TC termination charges assessed to the Telephone Company.
6.	Reciprocal Compensation for Interexchange Traffic—When an interexchange call from an unbundled line port leased by a TC terminates to a Telephone Company switch, intraLATA switched access rates and carrier common line rates as set forth in DTE MA No. 15 apply.
F.	Use of the local switch by the TC's end user will be recorded on the same basis that the Telephone Company records calls for its own customers. Where available, recordings will be utilized to bill local switching usage to the TC and will be provided to the TC for their use in billing their end users.

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2.6 Local Switching

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ID	Service Category	Rate Element	Rate	USOC
	Unbundled Telephone Company Reciprocal Compensation	Rural - Peak - Per MOU	.016370	
		Rural - Off Peak - Per MOU	.008651	
	Unbundled TC Reciprocal Compensation	Metro - Peak - Per MOU	.016772	
		Metro - Off Peak - Per MOU	.005353	
		Urban - Peak - Per MOU	.019643	
		Urban - Off Peak - Per MOU	.007022	
		Suburban - Peak - Per MOU	.022061	
		Suburban - Off Peak - Per MOU	.008848	
		Rural - Peak - Per MOU	.026792	
		Rural - Off Peak - Per MOU	.011753	